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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-55 (Cancelled)
- 56. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a) at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of valine, leucine, and isoleucine; b) the antistress agent The composition according to claim 52 wherein said at least one antistress agent is metyrapone; and c) a said further antistress antisense agent is selected from mifepristone, proglumide and astressin.
- 57 60 (Cancelled)
- 61. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56_52</u> wherein the composition comprises valine, leucine, and isoleucine.
- 62 63 (Cancelled)
- 64. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56_52</u> which further comprises vitamin C.
- 65 70 (Cancelled)
- 71. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56</u> <u>52</u> which further comprises a pyrrolopyrimidine or N-methylpyrrolidone.
- 72. (Cancelled)

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- 73. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56_52</u> which further comprises an antibiotic or mannan oligosaccharide.
- 74. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 73 wherein the antibiotic is avilamycin.

75 - 76 (Cancelled)

- 77. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56_52</u> which is encapsulated in a bolus or a time release capsule.
- 78. (Cancelled)
- 79. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56 52</u> which further comprises a nitric oxide promoter selected from L-arginine diethylamine nitric oxide complex, sodium nitroprusside, and S-nitroso-N-acetylpenicillamine.
- 80. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim <u>56</u> <u>52</u> which further comprises a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable diluent, excipient, carrier or solubiliser.

81 - 92 (Cancelled).

93. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim <u>56_52</u>, wherein the composition is in the form of an animal feedstuff.